

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article comprising or being made from a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof.
2. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 1, which is a rubber-like elastic article made from a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof.
3. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid is a polymer as a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in a solvent.
4. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~one of claims 2 and 3~~ claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid has a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more.
5. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~ claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid has a weight-average molecular weight of  $20 \times 10^4$  or more and a molecular-weight distribution of 2.0 or more.
6. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~any one of claims 2 to 5~~ claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid is a hydrogenated product of a polymer of isoprene unit derived from *Hevea brasiliensis*, *Ficus elastica*, *Eucommia ulmoides*, or a fungus belonging to the genus *Lactarius*.

7. (Original) A method for producing a rubber-like elastic article, comprising the step of subjecting a rubber composition comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof to molding/forming.

8. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 1, which is a resin modifier comprising a rubber-like polymer as a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid, or a modified product thereof.

9. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8, wherein the rubber-like polymer is a polymer as a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in a solvent.

10. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~one of claims 8 and 9~~ claim 8, wherein the natural polyisoprenoid in the rubber-like polymer has a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more.

11. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~any one of claims 8 to 10~~ claim 8, wherein the rubber-like polymer has a weight-average molecular weight of  $20 \times 10^4$  or more and a molecular-weight distribution of 2.0 or more.

12. (Currently amended) A resin composition comprising a resin and the rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~any one of claims 8 to 11~~ claim 8.

13. (Original) The resin composition of claim 12, comprising 0.1 to 100 parts by weight of the resin modifier per 100 parts by weight of the resin.

14. (Currently amended) A molded article made from the resin composition of ~~one of claims 12 and 13~~ claim 12.

15. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 1, which is a modified latex as a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid latex.

16. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 15, as a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid latex with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst.

17. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~one of claims 15 and 16~~ claim 15, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid in the modified latex has a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more.

18. (Currently amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~any one of claims 15 to 17~~ claim 15, wherein the natural polyisoprenoid latex is a latex derived from *Hevea brasiliensis*, *Ficus elastica*, *Eucommia ulmoides*, or a fungus belonging to the genus *Lactarius*.

19. (Currently amended) An article comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof, prepared by using the rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of ~~any one of claims 15 to 18~~ claim 15.